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Boston's most wanted

Bombing investigation. Police inch forward but now must sift through millions of hours of video

Photos and video released Thursday show two suspects in the deadly Boston Marathon bombings, the FBI said, as it asked for the public's help in identifying the men.

Agent Richard DesLauriers said the images are from surveillance cameras near the explosion sites shortly before Monday's blasts. The men are seen walking together in the crowd, and the man in the white cap is seen setting down a backpack at one site near the finish line.

"We consider them to be armed and extremely dangerous," DesLauriers said, asking the public not to approach the men. He said there is no additional danger that the FBI knows of at the moment.

The bombs killed three people and injured more than 180.

The FBI would not discuss the suspects' ethnicity. "It would be inappropriate to comment on the ethnicity of the men because it could lead people down the wrong path potentially," said agent Greg Comcowich, a spokesman for the Boston FBI office.

Generally, police release photos of suspects only as a last resort, when they need the public's help. Releasing photos can tip off a suspect and deny police the element of surprise. It can also trigger an avalanche of tips, forcing police to waste time chasing them down.

The investigation will probably collect about a million hours of videotape from security cameras and spectators' cellphones and cameras, forensic experts said.

Investigators are looking at video frame by frame, aided by sophisticated facial-recognition technology.

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Suspects in the Boston Marathon bombing make their way through the crowd near the finish line on Monday in these images released on Thursday by the FBI. "Each piece moves us toward justice," FBI agent Richard DesLauriers said of the video evidence. FBI/GETTY IMAGES

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Child-welfare system needs more resources: Advocate

Children's advocate Bob Pringle speaks to media on Thursday after the release of the Saskatchewan Advocate for Children and Youth annual report. ALYSSA MCDONALD/METRO IN REGINA

New report. Bob Pringle blames poverty for child-welfare, youth-criminal-justice issues

An independent officer for Saskatchewan's protection of children and youth is continuing to call for a focus on preventative services so kids stay out of foster care.

Children's advocate Bob Pringle says that, though the province has made strides in youth protection, there is much work to be done.

"I am still not satisfied and not confident that the minister of social services can assure Saskatchewan that all children are safe in the child-care process," Pringle said Thursday after his Saskatchewan advocate's office released its 2012 annual report.

A legislative review of the Child and Family Services Act and the Adoption Act is continuing after beginning earlier this year. It stems from a separate child-welfare review in 2010, which found that about 60 per cent of children in the system were there because of parental neglect.

The earlier review recommended an examination of the legislation and the addition of a prevention stream to try to keep children from needing to enter the system at all.

"Poverty, and all the related issues to that, drive the child-welfare system. They drive the youth-criminal-justice system," said Pringle.

The advocate's new report recommends a focus on mental-health care and on addiction services.

But the number of children in the child-care system is decreasing, Pringle said, because many are growing too old for it.

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Report's positive findings

- Child deaths in ward care dropped from 36 to 32.
- The number of critically injured decreased from 37 to 25.
- Overcrowded foster homes fell from 77 to 63.

First in Canada

Asbestos registry law passes in Sask.

Saskatchewan has become the first province to make reporting of asbestos in public buildings mandatory.

New legislation requires government buildings and hospitals to post on an online registry whether they contain asbestos.

A bill was introduced by the Opposition NDP last fall in honour of Howard Willems, a former building inspector who died from a rare form of cancer that comes from inhaling asbestos fibres. The man's stepson, Jesse Todd, says Willems fought hard for the legislation and would be pleased that it has passed. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Flood risk

Sask. offers free tests on well drinking water

An increased risk of flooding has prompted the provincial government to offer free tests on drinking water in rural areas.

The Disease Control Laboratory will test for bacteria and the Water Security Agency will assess flooded wells and cisterns to see if the water is still potable.

Health Minister Dustin Duncan says preventing waterborne diseases is an effective way to help protect the public.

The free water testing will be available from now until the end of the flood season.

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400-vote margin

Chief wins big in big First Nation

Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation, one of the largest First Nations in Saskatchewan, has elected a new chief. Long-time band councillor Peter Beatty was voted in Wednesday. Unofficial results show Beatty got 2,114 votes. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Modern musical masters face off against hockey's halcyon heroes

Juno Awards. Canada's performers and former NHL stars talk smack ahead of show match

JEFF MACKEY
Metro in Regina

In one of the more unique Juno Awards traditions, several of Canada's top musicians will take on some former NHL greats in a good ol' hockey game on Friday in Moose Jaw.

"I've been doing this since the very beginning.... I think it's eight or nine years," said musician team captain and Blue Rodeo frontman Jim Cuddy. "So many musicians play hockey, and that is what brings me back. It is just so much fun."

This year, musicians including Cuddy, Chad Brownlee and Paul Gutheil of Library Voices take on former NHLers including Mark Napier, Gary Roberts and Ed Staniowski.

It turns out the retired players don't only excel at hockey. They have almost always won a musical game on the ice, as well.

"In the middle there is a skills competition where we do a sing-off," said Cuddy. "It is by audience applause, and usually the NHLer wins because it is so pathetic that the people feel sorry for them."

"Cuddy is a bit of a poor sport at times, but we try to make it close," shot back NHLer Roberts. "I'm afraid to sing in my car when I'm by myself, so I won't be singing this weekend."

The puck drops at 7:30 p.m. at Mosaic Place. Tickets are $15, with proceeds going to MusiCounts, a charity that helps bring music into Canadian schools.

Blue Rodeo's Jim Cuddy, left, and former NHLer Mark Napier face off at a Juno Cup practice on Thursday in Regina. JEFF MACKEY/METRO

Mayor to be lauded at Prayer Breakfast

Mayor Don Atchison is the guest of honour at this year's Prayer Breakfast. He will also be receiving the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal. JANE CAULFIELD/METRO

The annual Saskatoon Prayer Breakfast has honoured individuals, groups and organizations that have demonstrated exceptional leadership in supporting local community, the province and the country.

Continuing that trend, this year's breakfast on April 20 will honour the city's own mayor, Don Atchison, who will also be receiving the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal at the event.

"Our mayor has been gracious enough over the years to take the position of mayor almost to a whole new level in trying to be inclusive with everybody," said Don Funk, a member of the breakfast organizing committee.

"He has done an exceptional job, to continue to grow our city and to guide it along, where it is now probably the envy of many mayors in many provinces or states."

Atchison said he was surprised to learn that he would be receiving the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal.

"When you look at the criteria for receiving this medal and those who have already been honoured, I'm sort of taken aback at the recognition. I am really appreciative of the honour and humbled by it," said Atchison.

This year's attendees will hear Michael "Pinball" Clemons, philanthropist and former head coach of the Toronto Argonauts, give an inspirational speech on winning against all odds.

"(The topic) is something that would interest most people, because life has its ups and downs," said Funk.

Taking place at Prairieland Park, the breakfast will be served at 7:30 a.m., with the full program beginning an hour later. Tickets are $30 and are still available at Ticketmaster.

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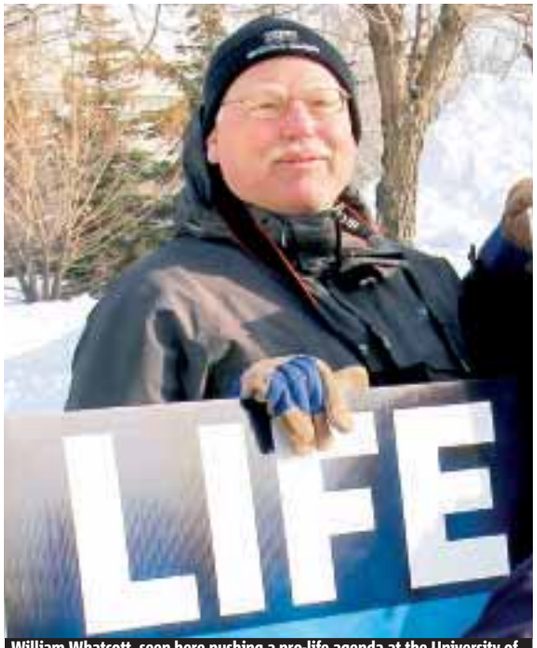

William Whatcott, seen here pushing a pro-life agenda at the University of Regina March 6. ROSS ROMANIUK/METRO

Case closed for anti-gay advocate

Human rights violation. Supreme Court rejects William Whatcott's application to reopen his case

A Saskatchewan anti-gay crusader has lost a bid to have the Supreme Court of Canada rehear a case in which he was found to have violated human rights rules by distributing pamphlets denouncing homosexuals.

The court has rejected William Whatcott's application to reopen the matter, without giving any reasons for the decision.

In February, the court ruled 6-0 that two of the four flyers Whatcott distributed in 2000 and 2001 violated Saskatchewan's Human Rights Code.

Those flyers referred to gay men as sodomites and pedophiles.

But the court struck down some language in the provincial code, clearing Whatcott of any wrongdoing in connection with two other flyers.

The leaflets prompted complaints to the Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission, which found against him.

The Saskatchewan Court of Appeal overturned that ruling, leading to the Supreme Court.

The high court found that portions of the Saskatchewan rights charter went too far.

The justices said language in the code that defines hate literature as something that "ridicules, belittles or otherwise affronts the dignity of any person" is not a reasonable limit on freedom of expression and is unconstitutional.

"Those words are constitutionally invalid," the decision said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Liquor store for Hepburn? The community reacts

The small farming community of Hepburn, Sask., is growing so much that last year it went from being a village to a town.

But its nearly 600 residents appear to be split on an issue that's created a divide between old-timers and newcomers — whether or not Hepburn should have a liquor store.

The question will be answered May 1 when ratepayers vote on the question in a referendum.

David Morris of the Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority said the Hepburn Co-Op has applied for a liquor licence and one will be granted so long as the community supports the idea.

On one side are the people of faith whose Mennonite ancestors founded Hepburn around 1900.

On the other are newcomers to town, who want to see the same amenities they would find in any other Saskatchewan community.

Mayor Barbara Adams-Eichendorf said the town council opted for the referendum after it became clear the issue had divided residents.

"There seems to be a wide range of reaction ranging from those who think it's a good idea to those who are quite strongly opposed to it," she said.

Adams-Eichendorf noted that many objections to a liquor store have come from people who live outside the town and won't be able to vote in the referendum.

Lifelong resident Ben Goerzen said it was inevitable that when the town began to grow, the demand for amenities would grow as well.

"When you don't have something that simple, to the newer generation of people, it just seems odd not to have it," he said.

There is no town bylaw or ordinance forbidding liquor sales in the town.

Local pastor Rod Schellenberg said that his branch of the Mennonite faith dropped any direct prohibition against drinking by about the mid-20th century.

However, he said church teachings are clear that the Bible does not condone getting drunk.

"It's a foolish way to live," he said.

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Russian orphanage. Two nurses charged with beating crying children

Russia's state investigative agency has filed charges against two nurses accused of severely beating three small children at an orphanage, one of them into a coma.

The Investigative Committee said Thursday that the two nurses went on a drinking binge and beat a three-year old boy and a 10-month girl to stop them from crying. They also wrapped a seven-month boy in a blanket and put him in a plastic container to silence him.

Delay

Russia's state investigative agency said the incident happened on April 1, but the orphanage only reported it a week later.

Russia's Channel 1 state television says that the youngest victim is out of coma and is recovering.

The nurses are on the run.

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Baby shot in face

Two U.S. teens plead not guilty

Two teenagers have pleaded not guilty to murdering a baby who was shot in the face during what authorities described as an attempted street robbery.

Court records show both 17-year-old De'Marquise Elkins and 15-year-old Dominique Lang entered their pleas in writing.

The teens are charged in the March 21 slaying of 13-month-old Antonio Santiago. Authorities say Elkins shot the child in his stroller as he and Lang tried to rob the baby's mother.

Both teenagers have been charged as adults.

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Ex-justice of peace charged in slaying of Texas prosecutor

Eric Williams was admitted to the county jail in Kaufman, Texas, Saturday and charged with making a "terroristic threat." Authorities investigating the deaths of district attorney Mike McLelland and his wife searched his home the previous day. KAUFMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Officer. Williams also was an officer with 10 agencies in North Texas, including as a deputy with the Kaufman County Sheriff's Department

A former justice of the peace has been charged with murder in the slayings of a Texas district attorney and his assistant who prosecuted him for theft, officials announced Thursday.

Eric Lyle Williams, 46, was charged in the shooting deaths of Kaufman County district attorney Mike McLelland and his wife, Cynthia, last month, and assistant prosecutor Mark Hasse in January. Williams is being held on $23-million US bond.

Williams has been jailed since he was arrested Saturday and charged with making a terroristic threat for allegedly emailing an anonymous threat to law officers one day after the McLellands were found dead.

Williams' wife, Kim Williams, was arrested Wednesday and charged with capital murder in the killings. The sheriff said she confessed to being the driver in the killing of the assistant prosecutor and told investigators her husband was the gunman.

McLelland and Hasse had both participated in the prosecution of Eric Williams last year on charges that he stole three computer monitors from an office building.

A jury found Williams guilty; he received two years' probation, and lost his law licence and position as justice of the peace — a judge who handles mostly administrative duties.

Ballistics experts were testing at least 20 weapons found in a storage locker under Eric Williams' name at a facility near Dallas.

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NASA telescope finds two planets that could support life

Distant duo. One warm, one chilly, they are 1,200 light years away and the best candidates for habitable planets

NASA's planet-hunting telescope has discovered two planets that seem like ideal places for some sort of life to flourish. And they are just the right size and in just the right place.

One is warm, the other chilly.

The distant duo are the best candidates for habitable planets that astronomers have found so far, said William Borucki, the chief scientist for NASA's Kepler telescope. And it has got astronomers thinking that similar planets that are just about right for life — "Goldilocks planets" — might be common in the universe.

The discoveries, published online Thursday in the journal Science, mark a milestone in the search for planets where life could exist. In the four years that Kepler has been trailing Earth's orbit, the telescope has found 122 exoplanets — planets outside our solar system.

In the past, those planets haven't fit all the criteria that would make them right for life of any kind from microbes to man.

Many planets aren't in the habitable zone — where it's not too hot and not too cold for liquid water. And until now, the few found in that ideal zone were just too big. Those are likely to be gas balls like Neptune, and that's not suitable for life.

Similarly, any Earth-size planets weren't in the right place near their stars, Borucki said.

In the Goldilocks game of looking for other planets like ours, the new discoveries, called Kepler-62-e and Kepler-62-f are just right. And they are fraternal twins. They circle the same star, an orange dwarf, and are next to one another — closer together than Earth and its neighbour Mars.

The planets are slightly wider than Earth, but not too big. Kepler-62-e is a bit balmy, like a Hawaiian world, and Kepler-62-f is a bit frosty, more Alaskan, Borucki said.

The pair is 1,200 light-years away; a light-year is nearly 10 trillion kilometres.

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This artist concept shows the newly discovered planets Kepler-62-e and -f. HARVARD SMITHSONIAN CENTER FOR ASTROPHYSICS/AP

North Korea displays mock space shuttle

A mock space shuttle is displayed in the lobby of the Mangyongdae Children's Palace in Pyongyang, North Korea, Thursday. The label on the space shuttle reads "round trip path to space" and "youth" on the bottom.

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Talks

Top U.S. general visits South Korea on Sunday

The top U.S. military officer, Gen. Martin Dempsey, is adding a South Korea stop to his previously announced trip to China to meet face to face with his South Korean counterpart on the North Korea situation.

Dempsey and his counterpart, Gen. Jung Seung-jo, held a video teleconference Thursday and reaffirmed their nation's security alliance.

On his South Korea visit Sunday, Dempsey will also meet with the senior U.S. commander there, Gen. James Thurman.

Thurman and the chief of the South Korean military both cancelled plans to go to Washington this week due to the heightened tensions with North Korea.

Thurman was supposed to testify before Congress.

A spokesman for Dempsey, Col. David Lapan, said Dempsey added the South Korea stop in order to discuss North Korea and other topics. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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‘This town is hurt really bad’

Fertilizer plant explosion. West, Texas tended to its wounds as investigators awaited clearance to enter the blast zone

Rescuers searched the smoking remnants in West, Texas, Thursday for survivors of a thunderous fertilizer plant explosion, gingerly checking smashed houses and apartments for anyone still trapped in debris or bodies of the dead.

Initial reports put the number of fatalities as high as 15, but later in the day, authorities backed away from any estimate and refused to elaborate. More than 160 people were hurt.

A breathtaking band of destruction extended for blocks around the West Fertilizer Co. in the small community. The blast shook the ground with the strength of a small earthquake and levelled dozens of homes, an apartment complex, a school and a nursing home. Its dull boom could be heard dozens of kilometres away from the town about 32 kilometres north of Waco.

Waco police Sgt. William Patrick Swanton described ongoing search-and-rescue efforts as “tedious and time-consuming,” noting that crews had to shore up much of the wreckage before going in.

Searchers “have not gotten to the point of no return where they don’t think that there’s anybody still alive,” Swanton said. He did not know how many people had been rescued.

There was no indication the blast, which sent up a mushroom-shaped plume of smoke and left behind a crater, was anything other than an industrial accident, he said.

The Wednesday night explosion rained burning embers and debris down on terrified residents. The landscape was wrapped in acrid smoke and strewn with the shattered remains of buildings, furniture and personal belongings.

Dogs with collars but no owners trotted nervously through deserted streets in cordoned-off neighbourhoods around the decimated plant. The entire second floor of a nearby apartment complex was destroyed, leaving bricks and mattresses among the rubble.

One rescue crew going from apartment to apartment gave special attention to a room where only a child’s red and blue bunk bed remained.

While the community tended to its deep wounds, investigators awaited clearance to enter the blast zone for clues to what set off the plant’s huge stockpile of volatile chemicals.

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West resident

Terrifying account

Erick Perez was playing basketball at a nearby school when the fire started. He and his friends thought nothing of it at first, but about a half-hour later, the smoke changed colour. The blast threw him, his nephew and others to the ground and showered the area with hot embers, shrapnel and debris.

“The explosion was like nothing I’ve ever seen before,” Perez said. “This town is hurt really bad.” THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A smashed car sits in front of an apartment complex destroyed by an explosion at a fertilizer plant in West, Texas, as firefighters conduct a search-and-rescue Thursday. A massive explosion at the West Fertilizer Co. Wednesday injured more than 160. Initial reports put the number of fatalities as high as 15, but later in the day, authorities backed away from any estimate and refused to elaborate. LM OTERO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ricin-tainted-letter suspect described as troubled by some

A Mississippi man charged with sending ricin-laced letters to the president and other officials was described Thursday as a good father, a quiet neighbour and an entertainer who impersonated Elvis at parties. Other accounts show a man who spiralled into emotional turmoil trying to get attention for his claims of uncovering a conspiracy to sell body parts on the black market.

Paul Kevin Curtis, 45, wrote numerous web posts over the past several years describing the event that he said “changed my life forever”: the chance discovery of body parts and organs wrapped in plastic in small refrigerator at a hospital where he worked as a janitor more than a decade ago.

He tried to talk to officials and get the word out online, but he thought he was being railroaded by the government. Authorities say the efforts culminated in letters sent to President Barack Obama, a U.S. senator and a judge in Mississippi. “Maybe I have your attention now even if that means someone must die,” the letters read, according to an FBI affidavit.

“He is bipolar, and the only thing I can say is he wasn’t on his medicine,” his ex-wife, Laura Curtis, told The Associated Press.

Kayla Latch, 18, of Corinth, Miss., expresses concern about her family’s safety Thursday morning, after the arrest of her next-door neighbour by U.S. federal authorities. Paul Kevin Curtis was taken into custody under the suspicion of sending letters with ricin to U.S. President Barack Obama and Mississippi Sen. Roger Wicker. ROGELIO V. SOLIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jim Waide, an attorney for the Curtis family, said Paul Kevin Curtis was prescribed medication three years ago. “When he is on his medication, he is terrific, he’s nice, he’s functional,” Waide said. “When he’s off his medication, that’s when there’s a problem.”

Waide represented Curtis in a lawsuit he filed in August 2000 against North Mississippi Medical Center in Tupelo, where he had worked from 1998 until he was fired in 2000. Waide said he withdrew from the case because Curtis didn’t trust him. The suit, claiming employment discrimination, was dismissed.

“He thought I was conspiring against him,” Waide said. “He thinks everybody is out to get him.”

Curtis made a brief court appearance Thursday, wearing shackles and a Johnny Cash T-shirt. Attorney Christi R. McCoy said he “maintains 100 per cent” that he is innocent. He did not enter pleas to the two federal charges against him. He is due back in court Friday afternoon.

In several letters to U.S. Sen. Roger Wicker, a Mississippi Republican, and other officials, Curtis said he was writing a novel about black-market body parts called Missing Pieces.

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Marathon. Obama offers Boston words of comfort, inspiration following blasts

U.S. President Barack Obama sought to inspire a stricken city and comfort an unnerved nation Thursday, declaring that Boston “will run again” and vowing to hunt down the perpetrator of the twin blasts that brought mayhem and death to the Boston Marathon.

“If they sought to intimidate us, to terrorize us.... It should be pretty clear right now that they picked the wrong city to do it,” Obama said.

The president spoke at an interfaith service in Boston honouring the three people killed and more than 170 injured when a pair of bombs ripped through the crowd gathered Monday afternoon near the finish line of the famous race.

“We may be momentarily knocked off our feet,” Obama said. “But we’ll pick ourselves up. We’ll keep going. We will finish the race.”

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A message is written on a volunteer’s jacket near running shoes at a makeshift memorial on Boylston Street near the site of the Boston Marathon explosions, Thursday in Boston. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Former human-rights boss a 'tyrant': Report

Shirish Chotalia. Former head of the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal 'belittled and insulted' staff: Integrity commissioner

Edmonton lawyer Shirish Chotalia faces serious criticism. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

When an earthquake rattled the nation's capital in 2010, the then head of the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal ordered her frightened staff to stay inside their shaking building so they could attend a ceremony she had organized for herself, a withering new report says.

Brushing aside the concerns of her employees during the earthquake is among the more egregious allegations of "gross mismanagement" levelled against Shirish Chotalia in a report released Thursday by the public-sector integrity commissioner.

Mario Dion's two-year investigation concluded that Chotalia's behaviour toward some employees and members of the tribunal constituted harassment and abuse of authority.

The report casts Chotalia as a tyrant who belittled and insulted her staff to the point of tears.

She spied on staff and kept a secret file on one employee, the report said, even though that person had never been told of any problems. Her aggressive interrogations of some staff caused "severe anxiety," the report notes.

She's now a lawyer in Edmonton.

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Trudeau. New Liberal leader inaccurately attacked by PQ in Quebec

Newly minted Liberal leader Justin Trudeau made his first visit to meet Quebec politicians on Thursday and it was Trudeau 1, Parti Québécois zero at the end of the day.

The PQ couldn't wait to confront its latest nemesis, the first-born son of old foe Pierre Elliott Trudeau.

But its attack Thursday turned out to be a real clunker. A provincial PQ cabinet minister Jean-Francois Lisee, delivered a lengthy denunciation at a news conference where he accused Trudeau of behaving like some "young prince" because, he alleged, Trudeau had "demanded" to meet the leaders of all parties at the same time.

However, it turns out that information was wrong. People from various quarters, including the Quebec premier's office, disputed the basis for the the minister's attack.

"It was a communication error. And that error was transmitted to Mr. Lisee and Mr. Lisee 'scrummed' on bad information," said a spokesman for Quebec's PQ Premier Pauline Marois.

"The request was to meet the three leaders — but individually."

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Justin Trudeau at Quebec's National Assembly on Thursday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Community fears

Cops worry about vigilante justice after Nova Scotia teen's suicide

The RCMP say they're concerned that posters that have appeared on Halifax streets in support of four boys accused of sexually assaulting Rehtaeh Parsons,17, could incite vigilante behaviour against the teens.

The brightly coloured posters bear the words, "Speak the Truth" in large, bold print and urge people to support the boys, though it does not identify them.

"There's two sides to every story," the posters read. RCMP Cpl. Scott MacRae said Thursday the posters don't break any laws, but police say they have received complaints. The Nova Scotia girl's family said she hanged herself last week after she was sexually assaulted by four boys and a photo of the alleged incident was distributed online. An Anonymous hacker has tweeted that the group knows the identities of the boys. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Federal Court: Rights of immigrants not trampled when applications closed

The rights of would-be immigrants were not trampled when the Conservative government closed their files and refunded their application fees to get rid of a massive backlog, the Federal Court has ruled.

The court's decision came out as the Tories pushed ahead with plans to reopen the federal skilled-worker program to a select group of in-demand occupations that includes engineers of all stripes, medical professionals and computer programmers.

Eight applicants from places as diverse as the Philippines, Syria, Pakistan and China — who represented 1,400 potential immigrants — went to court over the Conservatives' move, announced in last year's budget, to wipe out an existing backlog in the skilled-workers program by returning and refunding thousands of applications.

In a decision Thursday, Justice Donald Rennie said the move did not break any rules or violate charter rights.

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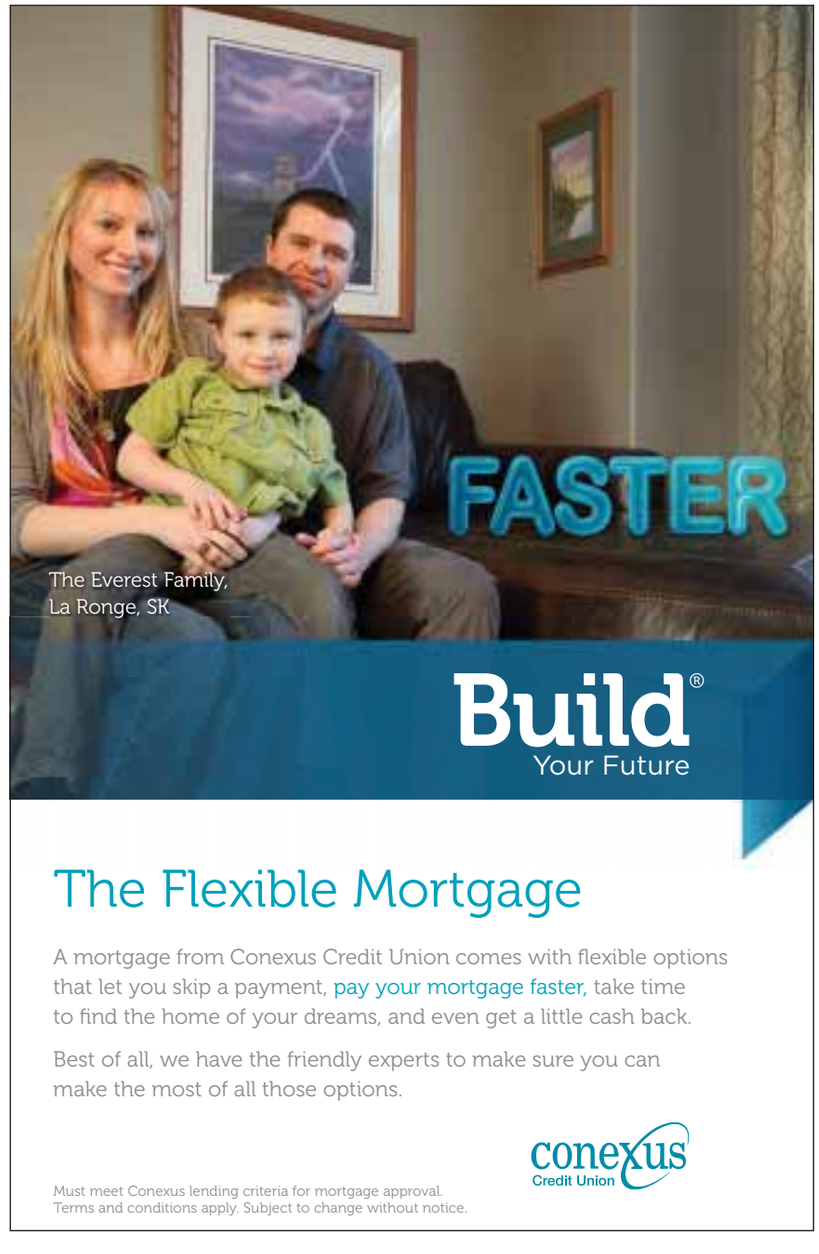
Fish stocks

Many depleted stocks may never bounce back

The recovery of over-exploited fish populations such as cod has been slower than expected, and many depleted stocks may never be able to bounce back, a new study says. The study is to be published Friday in the journal Science. It says most fish species are resilient enough to recover within a decade, but if you don't take rapid action there is uncertainty as to whether recovery will happen at all. THE CANADIAN PRESS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War trial. Bosnian-Serb leader may testify on conspirator's behalf

The two alleged chief architects of Serb atrocities committed during the 1992-95 Bosnian war could meet in a United Nations courtroom for the first time, if one of them gets his wish.

Former Bosnian-Serb leader Radovan Karadzic sought a subpoena Thursday to compel his one-time military chief, Gen. Ratko Mladic, to testify in his defence during his genocide trial at the Yugoslav war-crimes tribunal.

Although the two Bosnian-Serb wartime strongmen are on good terms in the UN detention unit where they are both being held during their separate trials, Mladic's lawyers argue that the former Bosnian-Serb army commander has the right to remain silent in Karadzic's case because it is so closely interwoven with Mladic's own trial.

In a letter to Karadzic's lawyer, Mladic's legal team says a suspect has "the protected right to remain silent and not testify or be forced to testify so as to potentially incriminate himself" and that the right extends to Mladic not having to appear as a witness in Karadzic's trial. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A woman walks past graffiti depicting former Bosnian-Serb wartime general Ratko Mladic, in Kosovo, Friday. DARKO VOJINOVIC/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Poland. Warsaw-uprising survivor recalls hardships

Many decades since the events, Jakub Gutenbaum still squirms at the thought of scalding-hot walls in the basement he was hiding in during the Warsaw ghetto uprising, as houses overhead were on fire.

Talking to The Associated Press on Thursday, the 83-year-old Gutenbaum recalls how German troops came into his hiding place and forced everyone out at gunpoint.

Gutenbaum, his mother and little brother, lived through the horror of the uprising, an against-all-odds-revolt by hundreds of lightly armed Jewish fighters against a much larger Nazi force that broke out 70 years ago on Friday.

Gutenbaum will be among the ever-shrinking group of survivors from the ghetto who will attend a commemoration marking the anniversary that will be led by Polish President Bronislaw Komorowski in Warsaw. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A volunteer helps to clean a Jewish cemetery in Warsaw, Poland, Sunday. CZAREK SOKOLOWSKI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Belarus

Published photos slighted nation, say court and security agency

A court in Belarus has branded a book of news photographs "extremist," agreeing with the state security agency that the book set out to humiliate the country.

The work consists of photos taken in 2010 that won prizes in the 2011 Belarus Press Photo competition, including images of people protesting against authoritarian President Alexander Lukashenko and a police crackdown on them.

Some of the photos were made by photographers working for international news agencies, including The Associated Press, Reuters and AFP.

The security agency, which is still called the KGB, said the photos were selected to "humiliate national honour and dignity." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

An immigrant worker recovers from a leg gunshot wound in makeshift housing at a strawberry plantation near the village of Manolada, about 260 kilometres west of Athens, on Thursday. ANTONIS NIKOLOPOULOS/EUROKINISSI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Shootings in Manolada 'inhuman, unprecedented'

Greece. Three suspects remain at large after 29 Bangladeshi labourers shot at strawberry plantation

Greek officials promised "swift and exemplary" punishment for three strawberry-plantation foremen on Thursday, who allegedly shot and injured 29 Bangladeshi labourers protesting late pay.

Police are seeking the three suspects who disappeared after Wednesday's shootings, which occurred during a confrontation with some 200 Bangladeshi farm workers in the country's rural south who say they have not been paid for half a year.

Seven Bangladeshi workers were still receiving treatment in local hospitals, but none has life-threatening injuries.

Government spokesman Simos Kedikoglou condemned the "inhuman, unprecedented and shameful" shootings near the village of Manolada in the southern Peloponnese region.

The plastic-topped greenhouses that cover Manolada's broad plains account for most of Greece's strawberry output, using cheap labour by Asian immigrants often housed in primitive conditions. There have been several attacks on migrant strawberry workers in recent years, but Wednesday's was the worst so far.

"The barbarous attack ... conjures up images of a slavery-based South that have no place in our country," Justice Minister Antonis Roupakiotis said.

Political parties and trade unions expressed shock and about 100 people took part in a protest by labour groups outside the Labor Ministry in Athens.

"Before the shootings, there was an altercation between the foreign workers and the three foremen over six months' outstanding wages," police spokesman Christos Parthenis said. "After that, the three fugitives left the spot, and returned shortly later holding two shotguns and a handgun, and opened fire on the crowd."

Police found five used shotgun cartridges at the spot. Authorities have arrested the owner of the farm, which is about 260 kilometres southwest of Athens. On Thursday, they also arrested a local man on suspicion of hiding the three fugitives.

The labour minister ordered an urgent inspection of work conditions at the Manolada strawberry farms.

But the country's main labour union, GSEE, accused the government of failing to properly investigate conditions at Manolada, which it likened to a modern form of slavery. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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"The barbarous attack... conjures up images of a slavery-based South that have no place in our country."

Greece's Justice Minister, Antonis Roupakiotis

Unidentified migrant workers receive first aid at a medical centre in Varda, Greece, Wednesday. EUROKINISSI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Economic crisis fuelling turmoil

Greece is caught in its worst financial crisis in decades, and is surviving on international rescue loans granted in exchange for harsh austerity measures. It is in the sixth year of a deep recession, with unemployment at a record 27 per cent.

The economic pain, coupled with waves of illegal immigration in recent years, has fuelled a rise in anti-immigrant sentiment that swept members of an extreme far-right party into Parliament last year.

Golden Dawn, which holds 18 of the house's 300 seats, is currently polling third in opinion surveys, at about 10 per cent. The party denies accusations from most mainstream opponents that it is neo-Nazi, although its website brims with Nazi literature and references.

The party issued a statement Thursday condemning the Manolada shootings. It then added: "We also condemn those who illegally employ illegal immigrants, taking the bread away from thousands of Greek families." "All illegal immigrants must be immediately deported," it said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Awareness initiative

Lung recipient helping launch fund for patients

Lung transplant recipient Hélène Campbell is trying to raise awareness of a fund that helps patients with the costs of waiting for a donor.

"Basically there are a lot of out-of-pocket costs for transplant patients," she said. She hopes to raise enough for 30 families in the first two months.

The Transplant Patient and Family Support Fund launches on April 22.

JOE LOFARO/METRO IN OTTAWA

Calgary

Student kills chicken for lunch in college cafeteria

Students at Calgary's Alberta College of Art and Design were witness to a less-than-appetizing demonstration Thursday, as a student reportedly killed a chicken in the cafeteria.

Student Morgan Fraser said a student pulled a chicken out of a box, slit its throat and proceeded to remove its head and feathers.

KATIE TURNER/METRO IN CALGARY

'Krrrpow,' 'krr-cchsshhh.' Engineer aims to raise $250,000 for giant robot

Mechanical engineer Jonathan Tippett is building a five-metre-tall electric-powered walking machine, and is trying to raise $250,000 in cash and parts in order to complete it by August 2014.

"Your body has four limbs, so I wanted to make a four-limbed machine that could be controlled with one of each of your limbs," said Tippett, who has been working on the project for the past six years.

"You'll just extend your legs and this 3,000-kilogram machine will just go 'krrrpow' up to two storeys tall, and then you throw your arms forward and these 500-kilogram steel legs will just go 'krr-cchsshhh' when you hit the ground," he said.

"Then you swing your legs through and then you're running at 10 to 15 kilometres an hour."

KATE WEBB/METRO IN VANCOUVER

A giant walking machine being built in Vancouver will stand five metres tall when it is complete. For video, visit metronews.ca. CONTRIBUTED/JONATHAN TIPPETT

Anorexic teens sought by modelling agencies

At their most vulnerable. Girls as young as 14 approached outside eating-disorder clinic, doctors say

SEBASTIAN CHAABAN
Metro World News in Stockholm

Modelling agencies have been trying to recruit Sweden's next top catwalk talent at the country's largest eating-disorder clinic in Stockholm, its doctors have claimed.

"We find this absolutely reprehensible. They (talent scouts) have been standing outside our clinic and trying to pick up our girls because they know that they are skinny," Anna-Maria af Sandeberg, chief doctor at the Stockholm Center for Eating Disorders, told Metro recently.

"It absolutely sends the wrong signals when what the girls need is treatment," she added.

The last incident took place a year ago, when the clinic was forced to stop its arrangements for patients going outside on walks.

"The scouts have been courting severely ill girls aged 14 and 15," Christina Lillman-Ringbor, care co-ordinator at the clinic, said.

Some patients have a body mass index as low as 14. For adults, an ideal range is between 18.5 and 24.9 BMI, which is a measurement of a person's height-to-weight ratio.

The clinic caters at any given time to 1,700 patients, with a focus on "bringing starvation and binge-eating and vomiting under control."

According to its website, the Stockholm Centre for Eating Disorders offers outpatient, day-patient and inpatient services, as well as a mobile unit, a school and two apartments for family treatment.

Angelica Karlsson, former patient at Stockholm Centre for Eating Disorders, says she was offered modelling jobs while she was sick. Karlsson weighed 44 pounds less than she does today when she was approached by a model scout. URBAN BRÅDHE/METRO IN SWEDEN

Angelica's Story

Striving for 'the ideal'

Angelica Karlsson was standing outside the clinic when a man approached, asking, "Do you want to become a model?"

Karlsson's anorexia was so serious that her life was in danger. "I was severely undernourished ... the doctors told me that I would be committed to care if I didn't drink the nutritional drinks they gave me," she told Metro.

But she saw the invitation as a confirmation."I was flattered and thought that I finally was starting to reach the ideal I was striving for."

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La Presse to launch digital paper

Montreal La Presse believes it has found the winning formula to offset declining revenues that are crippling North American newspapers. After three years of development and $40 million of expenses, the daily is launching a free-subscription digital edition of the paper. For now, it will be available exclusively on iPad. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Guy Crevier, publisher of La Presse, holds a tablet with the paper's new digital edition. THE CANADIAN PRESS

StatsCan report

EI figures stay flat in February

Statistics Canada says the number of people receiving regular employment insurance benefits was virtually unchanged at 528,900 in February following three months of declining numbers.

However, the number of beneficiaries was down 7.4 per cent compared with a year earlier.

The number of people on benefits declined in six provinces, while there was little change in the other provinces.

To receive EI benefits, individuals must first submit a claim and the number of claims provides an indication of the number of people who could become beneficiaries.

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Icelandic app helps relatives avoid hookups

All in the family. When users 'bump' phones, an alarm sounds if they've got too much in common

Have we met somewhere?

"It's not a good feeling when you realize that girl is a second cousin."

Einar Magnusson, a graphic designer in Iceland's capital, Reykjavik

You meet someone, there's chemistry, and then come the introductory questions: What's your name? Come here often? Are you my cousin?

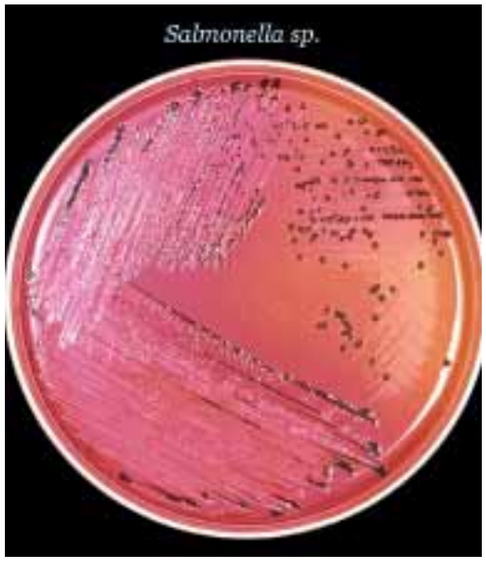
In Iceland, a country with a population of 320,000 where most everyone is distantly related, inadvertently kissing cousins is a real risk.

A new smartphone app is on hand to help Icelanders avoid accidental incest. The app lets users "bump" phones, and emits a warning alarm if they are closely related. "Bump the app before you bump in bed," says the catchy slogan.

Some are hailing it as a welcome solution to a very Icelandic form of social embarrassment. "Everyone has heard the story of going to a family event and running into a girl you hooked up with some time ago," said Einar Magnusson, a graphic designer in Iceland's capital, Reykjavik. "It's not a good feeling when you realize that girl is a second cousin. People may think it's funny, but (the app) is a necessity."

The Islendiga-App — App of Icelanders — is an idea that may only be possible in Iceland, where most of the population shares descent from a group of ninth-century Viking settlers, and where an online database holds genealogical details of almost the entire population.

Arnar Freyr Adalsteinsson, one of the developers, said the app allows any two Icelanders to see how closely related they are simply by touching phones. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Food bugs: Report shows campylobacter is on the rise

U.S. health officials are seeing more food poisonings caused by a bacteria commonly linked to raw milk and poultry. A study released Thursday by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said campylobacter cases grew by 14 per cent over the last five years. The report was based on foodborne infections in 10 states, and found that overall, food poisonings held fairly steady in recent years. There were no significant jumps in cases from most other food bugs, including salmonella — shown above in a petri dish — and E. coli. But campylobacter rose, and last year accounted for more than a third of food-poisoning illnesses in those states and about one-tenth of the deaths.

CDC/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Vancouver. Sun Run plans colourful Boston tribute

There will be no black armbands or other dark keepsakes handed out at this year's Vancouver Sun Run as participants in Canada's largest road race pay homage to victims of the Boston Marathon bombings.

Organizers of the Loskop Marathon in South Africa, also to be held Sunday, plan to hand out black ribbons to all 6,000 participants in honour of the Boston victims.

But participants in the 10-kilometre Sun Run are being encouraged to wear blue and yellow — the official colours of the Boston Marathon — instead as a tribute to the victims of two bomb explosions in Boston.

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A Boston Marathon Memorial Ribbon is projected onto the ice before a Bruins game in Boston Wednesday night. Organizers of the Vancouver Sun Run are encouraging participants to wear blue and yellow. GETTY IMAGES

Music. New service lets users find and tweet songs they like

Twitter has launched a service that lets people find music they like and tweet songs from iTunes, Spotify and Rdio.

Twitter said in a blog post that an app is available for download from Apple's online store, and a web version has also rolled out. The service will eventually be available on Android devices as well.

The service uses information from Twitter chatter to detect popular tracks as well as new artists. Users who follow musicians can see other artists those musicians follow, and can listen to 30-second clips of songs by them.

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Twitter #music

- The service, which American Idol host Ryan Seacrest tweeted about last week, is called Twitter #music, after the practice of using hashtags to organize tweets.

YAHOO FINANCE CANADA

Canadian shop stays bullish on cupcakes despite U.S. downturn

Don't worry — the great cupcake crash of 2013 hasn't hit Canada. Prominent bakers say our cupcake industry is better structured than its U.S. counterpart and will withstand the "cupcake crisis" going on south of the border.

"Forget gold, the gourmet-cupcake market is crashing," The Wall Street Journal (WSJ) declared Wednesday, in an article that chronicled the rise and fall of the Crumbs Bake Shop Inc. stock price.

The analysts weighed in. The problems are not confined to Crumbs, but reflect sector-wide decline.

"The novelty has worn off," Kevin Burke, managing partner of investment banking firm Trinity Capital LLC, told WSJ.

"Demand is flat. And, quite frankly, people can bake cupcakes," Darren Tristano, executive vice-president at Technomic Inc., a Chicago research and consulting firm that specializes in the food industry, told WSJ.

None of that fazes Verge Manuel, cupcake baker and owner of Toronto's Dlish shop.

Business is booming for Dlish, which recently opened up a second location in Toronto's tony Yorkville neighbourhood, to complement its Queen West flagship cupcake shop. Manuel plans to open up a third location by the end of 2013.

JESSICA SMITH/METRO IN TORONTO

CAN YOU BELIEB HE DID THAT?

Here's what's dominating the water-cooler conversation this week:

THE METRO LIST
Paul Sullivan
metronews.ca

1 Terror in Boston. If the idea was to strike at the heart of the legendary Boston Marathon, America's foremost road race, the bomber doesn't know the running community very well. You can run but you can't hide. Look over your shoulder: There are 23,000 runners on your tail.

2 Terror in Washington. In the wake of Boston, the U.S. Senate backs away from a bipartisan gun-control bill that would have expanded background checks for people seeking to acquire firepower. Is there such a thing as a self-inflicted act of terrorism?

3 Justin Trudeau. Everyone is asking if our new Liberal leader is a chip off the old block or a whole new shrub. Trudeau 2.0 is a kinder, gentler version, but does it have enough RAM to do the job?

4 Unbeliebable. Justin Bieber visits the Anne Frank museum and leaves this message: "Anne was a great girl. Hopefully she would have been a Belieber." Once in every generation, a kid comes along who embodies the spirit of that generation. And once in every generation, a kid comes along who should just shut up.

5 Another generation, a better voice. Fortunately, Canada has other voices. Beautiful ones. Sadly, one of the sweetest has gone silent this week. Rita MacNeil, who sang her way into our hearts during Expo '86, has died.

6 Beam me up, Scotty. It's called the Goldilocks Zone, where a planet's position of orbit around a star provides the conditions to support life as we know it. Now, the amazing planet-finding telescope Kepler has found the two most Earth-like objects ever, near a middle-aged dwarf star, right smack in the Goldilocks Zone. Even though they're a mere 1,200 light years away, let me be among the first to volunteer to make the trip. Whatever's out there, it's as far away from Justin Bieber as I can get.

7 Toronto Blue Jays win the World Series. Not. OK, so maybe the greatest team ever assembled needs a few more games to shake out the cobwebs. They better hurry, though, or the Maple Leafs will win the Stanley Cup first.

8 A man's home is his ... coffin? Concerned about the high price of real estate on the West Coast, a developer has found a micro-niche in the marketplace and is selling brand new condos for under $110K. The catch? They're less than 300 square feet — about the size of a Manhattan hotel room. Suitable for young urban professional ... munchkins.

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Spin it. Bake it. Eat it. Repeat.

It takes a lot of dough to make it to World Series of pizza

Bradley Johnson, of the United States, performs with his dough during a freestyle event, part of the Pizza World Championships, in Parma, northern Italy, Wednesday.

The 22nd edition of the championships ran from April 15 to 17.

The top title went to 20-year-old Leone Coppola from Gavirate, in the northern part of Italy. The pizzaiolo, or pizza chef, told ANSA he learned the art in Naples, known as the birthplace of pizza. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

A small piece of pie

There were more than 600 competitors from 35 countries competing for the grand champion title.

Awards were also given out for fastest pizza maker, largest dough stretch and best freestyle acrobatics routine. **METRO**

Alessandro Colluccino, of Italy, with his dough at the Pizza World Championships.

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Cats may be the most ubiquitous comedians on YouTube, but did you know humans can also be very funny, too? Well, it's true. Subscribe to these channels to see the evidence for yourself.

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Letters

RE: Ontario Experts To Begin Halifax School Board Review Into Rehtaeh Parsons Case, published April 18

As a 40-year-old woman, having marginally lived through a similar circumstance as Rehtaeh Parsons, I feel compelled to comment.

When funding is cut in programs such as violence prevention and education, this is the result.

Females are not being educated on how to protect, defend, and care for themselves. Males are not being educated about respect, relationships, and sexual health.

As a youth, I was raped, I was drunk and I was a virgin. I can speak for many friends who experienced their first sexual encounter the same way, most of my friends in fact. The same problem existed over 20 years ago and is clearly still very prevalent.

The education should come from home, community, and from school. We need to tell our girls that they are at risk when they drink. We need to tell them that their peers will take advantage of them, mock them, ostracize them, and, yes, even rape them. We need to teach them to stand up to what is ahead and that even their friends will hurt, crush, humiliate, and even rape them.

I think we need to teach boys more about consent, responsibility, respect, and healthy sexual relationships. They need to be informed that a conversation should come before sex. They need to know that women live years in shame and guilt when they rape them.

Doreen Coady, Enfield, N.S.

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Synopsis

Tom Cruise plays Jack Harper, a security and drone maintenance man on planet Earth 60 years after a war with the alien Scavs destroyed all life on the planet. Nearing the end of his mission, he and girlfriend Victoria (Andrea Riseborough) are due to return to home base, now located in outer space. Thing is, Jack doesn't want to leave. He has memory jolts, shards of recollections of the life he led before the war and he wants to stay and explore them. When he discovers a survivor, Julia (Olga Kurylenko), he begins to question everything about his existence. Liz Brown sits in for Mark Breslin.

- Richard: ●●○○○
- Liz: ●●●○○

Olga Kurylenko and Tom Cruise star in Oblivion. HANDOUT

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

Just another pretty film

Oblivion. Tom Cruise's new post-apocalyptic thriller is all style with very little substance

Richard: Liz, this is one stylish movie. Every frame could be clipped and hung on the wall to garner oohs and ahhs from your house guests. Everything about it looks great. Morgan Freeman even wears a jaunty cape. But, I'm afraid the style took precedence over the substance. There is much to like here, but for me the story starts to go slightly out of orbit in the last hour and never quite becomes earthbound again. What did you think?

Liz: Richard, I agree. The sights from Jack and Vika's fabulous tower in the sky ... the sweeping aerial scenes ... and don't get me started on Jack's secret mountain hideaway where he listens to Zeppelin on vinyl — the stunning visuals made me crave life in a post-apocalyptic world. The wild tale was fun, until it turned into a renegade Armageddon. I don't know if Joseph Kosinski ran out of ideas as he wrote, but the last half feels a bit hastily cobbled together.

RC: It does. I won't give away any spoilers from the last half because the plot thickens near the end, but it still manages to be kind of standard. Of course there is a scene of Cruise outrunning a giant fireball, and does everyone in post apocalyptic worlds listen to classic rock? But, having said that, I liked a lot of this. This is the kind of movie Tom Cruise was born to star in, the sort of thing that made him a superstar. What did you think of co-star Olga Kurylenko?

LB: Olga's Bond Girl cred makes her the perfect counterpoint to Cruise's action hero swagger — his comfort in these types of roles is palpable and you can just sit back and enjoy the ride. After a few flops last year, Tom is back in my good books!

RC: Nobody outruns a fireball quite like Cruise and I thought Riseborough brought a lot of humanity to a character who isn't required to do much. A lot of the heavy lifting is left to Olga's character, and while she's beautiful, I'm afraid she has the range of an emoticon. She does much better work in To the Wonder.

LB: Riseborough was great in her role — though her character's refusal to question the status quo irked me. I like my ladies a little stronger. This is no Minority Report, but it's a fun futuristic adventure fronted by Tom Cruise.

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Criminal comedy of errors

Pain & Gain opens next Friday. HANDOUT

Pain & Gain. Director Michael Bay takes a wild true crime tale and turns it into a darkly funny film

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Halfway through his latest film, director Michael Bay deems it necessary to remind the audience that what they're watching is still based on a true story.

The intertitle comes as the story descends into the surreal — Dwayne Johnson grills human hands, Mark Wahlberg hacks up a body in Calvin Klein underwear and Anthony Mackie tangles a chainsaw in human hair as he tries to decapitate a corpse.

Aside from a few creative liberties, everything in Pain & Gain did happen in Miami in the mid-90s, when a couple of bumbling bodybuilders came up with a get-rich quick scheme that involved kidnapping, extortion and eventually murder. The real-life criminals — Daniel Lugo and Noel Doorbal — now sit on Florida's death row.

Bay pulled the story from a three-part crime series by Pete Collins that was published in the Miami New Times in 1999. The series outlines the missteps Lugo and Doorbal took, from trying to return a bloodied chainsaw to Home Depot, to failing to ensure one of their intended victims was actually dead — after they blew him up in a car and then ran him over twice.

It's hard to deny the story is darkly funny, but the fact that it's been turned into a crime comedy doesn't sit well with some people.

But Bay was expecting mixed reactions to the movie. "I want people to be conflicted (when they see this film)," he says. "I want to show a lot of grey areas. When you return a chainsaw that you're trying to cut a body up with — with hair in it — to Home Depot, to get a bigger chainsaw, you don't think that's kind of funny? It's not your cookie cutter movie."

Drama

Mad Ship

Director. David Mortin

Stars. Nikolaj Lie Kaas, Gil Bellows

Don't be fooled. Although its ominous title suggests a goofy horror flick, Mad Ship is far from delivering a fun, spooky ride — although it is a bit scary. A morose movie about an immigrant family defeated by the Great Depression, the persevering (and possibly insane) patriarch builds a boat to sail back home across the prairies. Sure, it's a strong metaphor about survival but even with a compelling cast, this ship still ultimately sinks.

STEVE GOW

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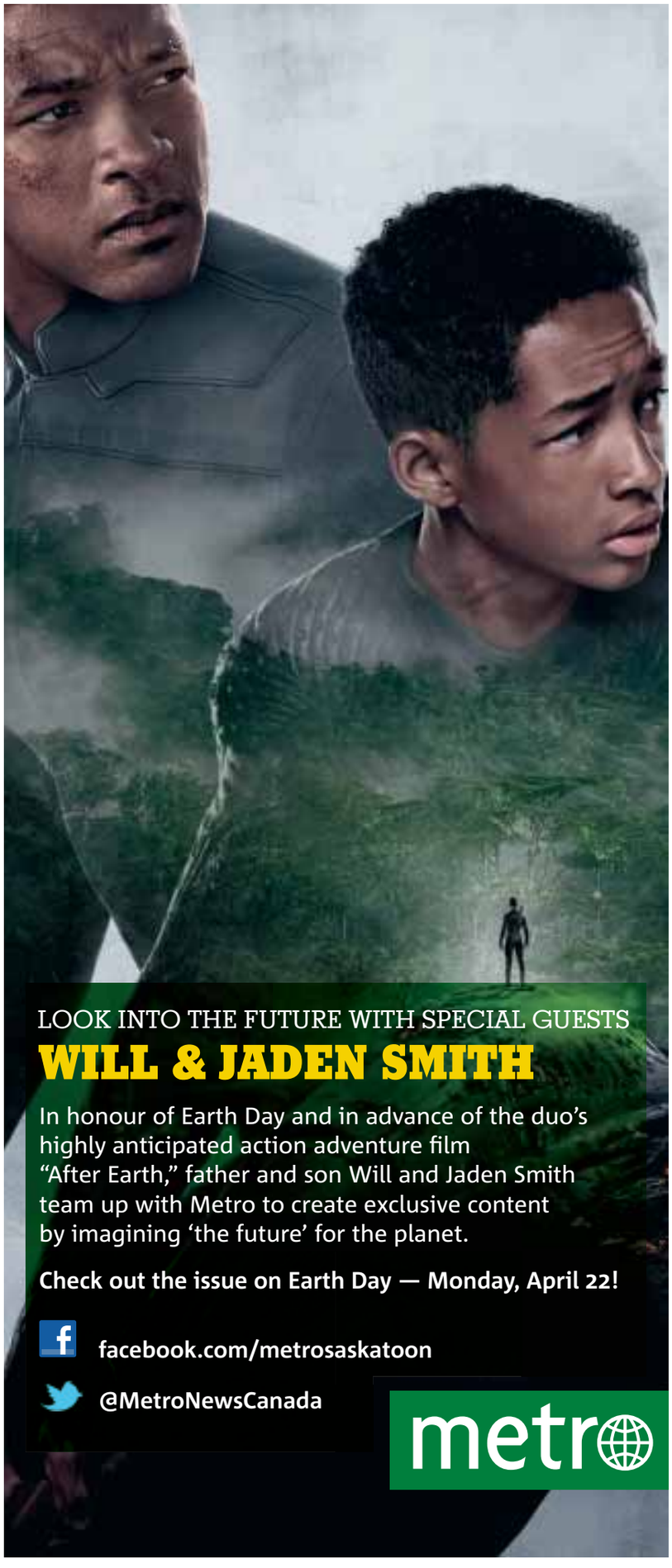
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Baby trumps all in Bublé's new world

Fatherhood. The Canadian crooner has a new confidence about himself that comes through clearly on his album To Be Loved

Michael Bublé says his impending fatherhood has already given him a strength and confidence that can be heard on his upcoming new album, To Be Loved. MICHELLE SIU/THE CANADIAN PRESS

After the spectacular success of his Christmas album — eight times platinum in Canada, thrice in the U.S., a Juno award win for album of the year — Michael Bublé might have felt a certain pressure in trying to create a follow-up, the sleigh bells ringing in his ear turning gradually deafening. Instead, he says he went into To Be Loved — out Tuesday — feeling more blithely self-assured than he'd ever been in the past, committing to a breezy live-off-the-floor recording strategy and declining to polish away the resultant small blemishes in his production.

He had the most fun he's had recording an album, he says. And the principal reason he was so unfettered? He says that the news that his wife, Argentine model Luisana Lopilato, was expecting their first child made everything else seem a little less pressing.

"I think the whole lack of trying (to top Christmas) came from me finding out I was having a baby — I think when that happened, it made me very brave," Bublé said during a recent chat in Toronto.

"The truth is, really, my priorities just flip-flopped, and I went: 'What's important to me? My wife's health. My baby's health. My family. And then this record.' If people love it, that's awesome. If they don't love it? You know what, I've done pretty well.

"Not that I didn't care, because of course I care, but I wasn't insecure."

Bublé, of course, has been provided plenty of reasons for such validation within the industry. It's clear he's not immune from the influence of naysayers, whether imagined or not — when discussing the Junos, he calls it a "thankless job" because "no matter how good I do, or how funny it is, there will be people that just can't stand me" — but the slights seem to weigh less on Bublé now than they did at a more diffident stage of his development.

So why has Bublé succeeded to an extent that others haven't?

"Maybe I'm not following everybody else. I'm not doing the same thing everybody else does. I'm not just writing a song and having the rapper rap a thing over it. I'm doing something that maybe isn't as commercially accessible but is really cool," he said.

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What's old is new

SOUND CHECK
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A resurrection, a new stoner anthem and a new view on Zeppelin

Hurt/Big Country

The group has been carrying on despite singer/guitarist Stuart Adamson's suicide in 2001. The Journey is the band's first album in 14 years.

Stoned and Starving/Parquet Courts

Summary: Munchies munchies munchies munchies. Nom, nom, nom

Fool in the Rain/ John Bonham

These isolated drum tracks of Bonzo playing on the Zeppelin song will give you an idea of how good a drummer he was.

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

David and Victoria Beckham ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Beckhams losing their 'working-class accents'

New research proves that David and Victoria Beckham are losing their working-class roots — or at least their working-class accents, according to the BBC.

A study at the University of Manchester charting the Beckhams during the six years they lived in the United States finds that their blue collar brogues have dramatically diminished. For example, David previously dropped the "h" from "him" 80 per cent of the time in 2007, but by 2013 it is down to 20 per cent. All of this means that Posh Spice is in fact getting more posh.

"We think this may be connected with the fact that she's forged a different career as a widely respected fashion designer," Naomi Proszynska, a linguistics expert involved in the study, says.

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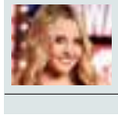

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I look fat in that photo you chose, which doesn't help my eating disorder.

The Word

Lisa Rinna to join RHOBH?

THE WORD
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I don't know if I should feel proud of Lisa Rinna's tenacity in attempting to stay in the public's eye or sad. In any case, it looks like the TV personality is angling for a comeback, this time on Real Housewives of Beverly Hills.

Yes, Rinna is aiming for an injected-lip showdown on the Bravo show, apparently replacing Adrienne Maloof.

"Producers had initially asked Lisa to become a part of the show when it first launched, but she turned it down because she decided to do her own reality show for TV Land," a source told RadarOnline.com. That show, Harry Loves Lisa, wasn't long for this world.

"Lisa might come across as very sweet, but she isn't a pushover," the source says.

Interesting choice, RHOBH. And good for you, Rinna. I always feel like she's teetering between some form of mainstream television greatness, or appearing on the cover of a Sky Mall magazine. Maybe this is a step in the right direction?

Justin Bieber

Maybe Anne Frank would have been a Belieber?

Maybe Justin Bieber wasn't so off-base with his speculation that Anne Frank would've been a fan of his after all.

Frank's step-sister, Eva Schloss, is coming to the maligned pop star's defense, calling the brouhaha over Bieber's sentiments left in a guest book at the Anne Frank House "so childish," according to the Telegraph. "She probably would have been a fan. Why not?" Schloss says. "He's a young man and she was a young girl, and she liked film stars and music. They make a lot of fuss about everything that is connected with Anne Frank."

Jennifer Aniston

No 'how you doin' in Aniston's future

Jennifer Aniston had only one response when she was informed about the rumour circulating online that NBC was bringing Friends back for one extra season: "Did Matthew Perry start that?" she asked Ellen DeGeneres. "Because he's getting some good airtime on this show. I've been watching."

So where did this false bit of info happen? DeGeneres tried to clear things up for Aniston, saying, "It's all over the Internet. There's a big rumour. It started in Oklahoma."

This recipe serves four and contains 321 calories and 13 g fat per serving. BRIAN MACDONALD, FROM ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN (WHITECAP BOOKS)

Salmon walks plank to drool-worthy status

Salmon with Orange-Miso Glaze. For added flavour, barbecue this simple dish using cedar planks

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You can either bake this fish or barbecue it on a cedar plank. The planks are available at fish stores, supermarkets or lumberyards.

Presoak them in water for at least 8 hours to prevent burning. You can reuse the planks a couple of times.

Each serving contains 38 grams of protein.

1. Preheat the oven to 425 F. Spray a baking sheet with cooking oil (or have ready a presoaked cedar plank and preheat the barbecue to high).

2. To make the glaze, combine the miso, orange juice, soy sauce, oil, sugar and orange peel in a small bowl.

3. Remove 2 tbsp of the glaze and brush lightly over the salmon. Sprinkle with the sesame seeds.

4. Place the salmon on the prepared baking sheet or cedar plank and bake or grill for 10 minutes per inch of thickness of fish, or until the fish flakes easily when pierced with a fork.

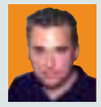
5. Serve with the remaining sauce on the side. Garnish each serving with a sprinkling of green onions and cilantro. **ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN (WHITECAP BOOKS) BY ROSE REISMAN**

Ingredients

- 2 tbsp yellow miso
- 1/4 cup orange juice concentrate
- 2 tsp low-sodium soy sauce
- 2 tsp sesame oil
- 5 tsp brown sugar
- 1/2 tsp grated orange peel
- four 4-oz skinless salmon fillets
- 2 tsp sesame seeds
- 3 tbsp diced green onions
- 2 tbsp chopped cilantro

Liquid Assets

A glass of vodka cake?



LIQUID ASSETS
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As a James Bond aficionado, I was more than a bit disappointed that vodka didn't make an official appearance in his blockbuster, Skyfall.

I watched it again the other night, from the comfort of my own couch, and took a tally of the liquor brands that made their way into the flick. Heineken lager, The Macallan single malt scotch and Courvoisier VSOP cognac got plenty of screen time — all purchased no doubt. You'd have to be me to recognize the bottle of Bollinger champagne — its appearance obviously not purchased. But short of Bond sipping a martini, nary a mention of his favourite tipple, vodka.

A vodka martini is a boozy cocktail that can turn off even the worldliest secret agent. That's why producers have been scrambling to flavour their output with just about anything to make them more approachable both with and without mix.

Three Olives Cake ($24.95- $28.98) is a neutral spirit from, coincidently, England that, well, tastes just like cake. Though I doubt Ian Fleming would approve, it's a fine way to celebrate 007's 50th birthday. Just forgo the candles. **PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.**

Infuse ribs with maple-smoked taste

Ingredients

- 2 lb pork side ribs
- 1 cup pure maple syrup
- 3 tbsp frozen orange juice concentrate
- 3 tbsp ketchup
- 2 tbsp soy sauce
- 1 tbsp Dijon mustard
- 1 tbsp Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tsp curry powder
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 2 green onions, minced

1. Soak maple planks in sink with water for at least 8 hours.

2. Light 1 side of barbecue; preheat to 350 F. Place ribs, meat side up, in roasting pan. Cover pan tightly with foil and place on unlit side. Bake 1 1/4 hours.

3. In saucepan over medium heat on stove, combine maple syrup, orange juice, ketchup, soy sauce, mustard and Worcestershire. Stir in curry, garlic and green onions. Simmer 15 minutes, stirring occasionally.

4. Remove ribs from roasting pan and baste completely with still warm sauce. Retain 1/2 of sauce for additional basting. Place ribs on soaked maple planks bone side down. Put planks on one side of barbecue with low heat setting directly underneath. Turn other side of barbecue to high and close lid. Keep temp around 350 F. Planks should begin to smoke within a few minutes. Adjust amount of smoke you would like to add by increasing/ decreasing direct heat underneath the planks and opening/closing the lid. Allow ribs to cook on the planks for 25 minutes. Use remaining sauce to baste ribs several times throughout cooking. **NEWS CANADA**

Canadian maple syrup stars in this dish. NEWS CANADA

Not so fast: Isles put another wrench in Leafs' playoff plans

NHL. Tavares rallies Islanders to 5-3 road win in Toronto

John Tavares had two goals and an assist Thursday as the New York Islanders rallied past the Toronto Maple Leafs 5-3.

The Islanders (23-16-5) came into the contest seventh in the Eastern Conference but moved to within two points of fifth-place Toronto (24-15-5) with the victory. New York overcame an early 2-0 deficit to win the first of five straight road games it will play to end the regular season.

But the Islanders have excelled on the road, improving to 13-5-2 away from home. They earned their fifth win in six games as they chase their first Stanley Cup playoff berth since 2007.

The 22-year-old Tavares, a native of nearby Mississauga, Ont., who played his junior hockey with the Oshawa Generals and London Knights, sent a season-high Air Canada Centre gathering of 19,676 home disappointed while continuing to strengthen his case for consideration as a Hart Trophy candidate.

Brad Boyes, with a goal and two assists, Matt Moulson and Frans Nielsen also scored for New York, which took the season series with Toronto 2-1.

Cody Franson, Joffrey Lupul and Dion Phaneuf scored for the Leafs, while Phil Kessel, appearing in his 500th career NHL game, added three assists.

Toronto will have to wait to clinch its first playoff berth since 2004. The Leafs could have ended their post-season drought with a win over the Islanders and a Carolina victory over the Winnipeg Jets, but instead dropped to 13-8-2 at the ACC with a second straight loss.

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On Thursday

Islanders	Maple Leafs
5	3

By the numbers

38-21

The Leafs were solidly outshot 38-21 by the Islanders. It's the fourth straight game and 10th time in 13 contests that has happened.

Maple Leafs goaltender James Reimer and New York Islanders centre Frans Nielsen battle for the puck on Thursday night in Toronto. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Nash helps ensure Rangers hold on to 8th

The Rangers celebrate Mats Zuccarello's second-period goal in front of Panthers goalie Scott Clemmensen on Thursday night in New York. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

Rick Nash had a goal and an assist in the first period, and Ryan Callahan had a pair of assists as the New York Rangers hung on to eighth place in the Eastern Conference with a 6-1 victory over the Florida Panthers on Thursday night.

Derick Brassard and Nash both scored power-play goals, with help from Callahan in the first, and Mats Zuccarello found the net for the second straight game to give the playoff-hopeful Rangers their sixth win in nine games (6-2-1).

Zuccarello scored in the second period and then added his second of the night with 4:49 left in the game when he tipped the puck in after Brad Richards raced it up ice and fed in front. Brassard made it 5-1 just 1:24 later with his second of the game, with an assist from Nash, and Richards pushed the lead to five goals with 1:24 remaining. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

On Thursday

Rangers	Panthers
6	1

MLB

Dickey leaves Blue Jays win with 'neck and back stiffness'

R.A. Dickey pitched six innings of two-hit ball to go along with seven strikeouts Thursday as the Toronto Blue Jays defeated the White Sox 3-1 to earn a series split with Chicago.

Dickey (2-2) gave up two hits while walking one before leaving the game with what the team called a "precaution to neck and back stiffness." It was the second straight quality outing for the knuckleballer after he allowed one run over 6 1/3 innings in a 3-2 win in Kansas City.

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CFL

Lokombo still No. 1 going into Canadian draft

Bo Lokombo remained in top spot on the CFL Scouting Bureau's final rankings list of top prospects ahead of next month's CFL Canadian Draft.

The 6-foot-3, 233-pound linebacker from Abbotsford, B.C., is coming off a strong season with the University of Oregon Ducks.

Regina defensive lineman Stefan Charles, Calgary defensive lineman Linden Gaydosh, McMaster offensive lineman Matt Sewell and Eastern Michigan defensive lineman Andy Mulumba round out the top five.

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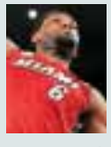
NBA



"Numbers aren't why I play this game of basketball."

LeBron James after finishing another MVP-calibre regular season in Miami. James' final numbers: 26.8 points, 8 rebounds, 7.3 assists and 1.7 steals per game.

4 SPORTS

Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Try to focus on what is good in your world and ignore those issues that annoy you. Believe it or not, the solution to your cash flow dilemma is close at hand — so keep thinking and keep looking.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
As of today, you'll see things in a clearer light, which in turn will give you the confidence to take the kind of risks you may have previously avoided. What have you got to lose?

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
According to the planets, this is the wrong moment to take action but the right moment to sit and ponder life's meaning. Despite what others say, there is no rush to get things done.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Everything will come right in the end. Keep that thought in mind over the next few days and before you know it, your life will be back on track.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Cosmic activity on and around the career angle of your chart means you have the ability to influence important people, the kind who can help make your dreams come true. Make contact and show them what you can do.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
There are so many good influences in the heavens at the moment, so don't waste time on anything trivial. Open your eyes and see the world for what it is: a playground full of possibilities.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You will receive something today that you feel you may not deserve, but that is beside the point. What matters is that other people think you deserve it, and it would simply be bad manners to turn it down.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Do you have a vision of how your life could and should be? What are you doing to turn it into a reality? The time has come to do something with your potential.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
It doesn't matter how you get your message across as long as others are left in no doubt that you mean business. It's OK to be assertive, especially when your ideas are important.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You can create something wonderful over the next few days, something that will leave a positive mark on the world. You can also use your talent for leadership to help others create wonderful things too.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
It seems you are feeling guilty about something you should have done but never got around to. According to the planets, you will get another chance — soon.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Your mind is on full alert now and some ideas will occur to you over the next few days. Make sure you make a note of them before they fade from memory. And do something with them. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

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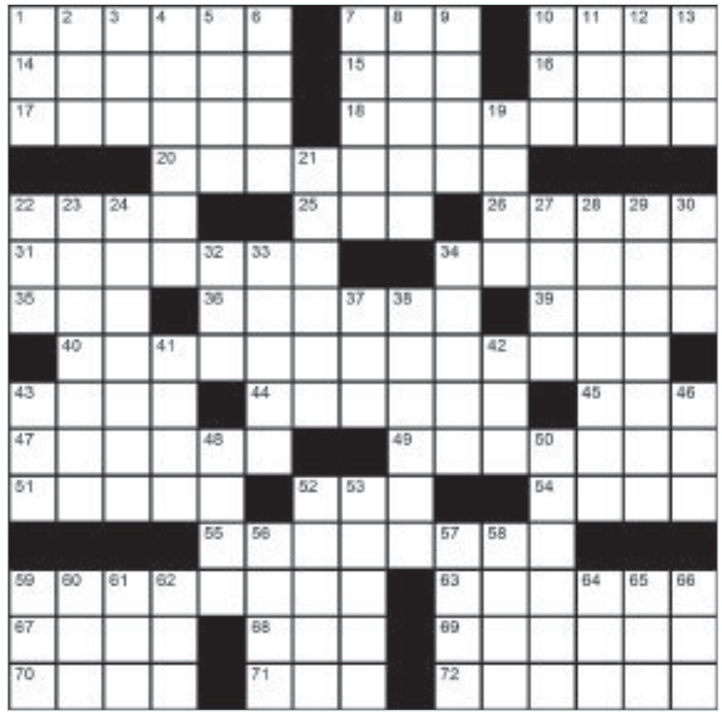
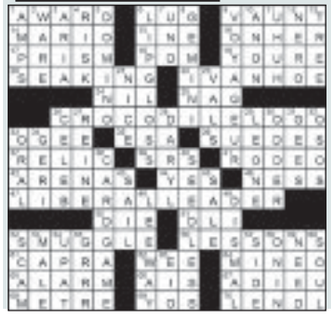


Across
1. City hosting 2013 Juno Awards
7. Highlands hat
10. Like some cheese
14. Celebrity chef Mr. Lagasse
15. Where, to Caesar
16. Prefix meaning 'Single'
17. Shakespeare's The Two Gentlemen of __
18. Sixties hairstyles
20. In the usual way
22. 1975 Wimbledon champ Arthur
25. Curved letter
26. "OMG! __ see that?!"
31. Diana Krall's Juno-nominated album: 'Glad __ __'
34. Specialty, as per work
35. Charlotte's Web author's monogram
36. __ Sound, BC
39. Eight: Prefix
40. CARAS = Canadian Academy of __ and Sciences: 2 wds.
43. Medicine tablet
44. Actor Mr. McDermott's
45. Li'l four-stringer
47. Except if
49. Duncan Hines product: 2 wds.
51. Trendy no more
52. __ choy (leafy veg)
54. Gas station name
55. Mix, as oil and vinegar
59. Depict
63. CNN anchor Anderson
67. 1985 ABC song: "Be __ Me"
68. Actor Mr. Gulager
69. Printers' mistakes
70. "__ McBeal"
71. Skirt's finished edge
72. Draw

Down
1. Jesse Jackson, e.g.
2. 'Supr' add-on (Superior)
3. Eur. country
4. De-wrinkled the shirt
5. El __ (Warm ocean current)
6. Banned orchard spray
7. Some instruments
8. Cain's brother's namesakes
9. Honey, in Hull
10. Friend, in France
11. Pol. title
12. 'Darl' completer ("Roseanne" daughter)
13. MS-__
19. "Frasier" star, David __ Pierce
21. Tune
22. Go-Go's song: "Our Lips __ Sealed"
23. "__, the Teenage Witch"
24. The War of the Worlds author, _._. __
27. "Like __ not...": 2 wds.
28. Pronouncements
29. By-the-beach watercrafts: 2 wds.
30. Orinoco tributary
32. Yoko __
33. UK's House of __
34. __ cum laude
37. Up to, briefly
38. Talents for doing things
41. Door un-lockers ...en francais
42. Get permission
43. Baby barker
46. Outer: Prefix
48. Clairvoyant
50. Winnie-the-Pooh pal
52. Canadian crooner Michael
53. Oil, in Latin
56. Detroit, __.
57. Frosts
58. Pronged utensil
59. Carrier of genetic info
60. Conger, for ne
61. Rita Hayworth movie, "My Gal __"
62. Weep
64. Butter portion
65. Never-ending list's ender, commonly
66. "You can do it!"

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

4			1		5			8
	6		8		2		7	
		1				3		
		2	3		9	8		
8								6
		9	5		7	4		
		4				9		
	3		4		1		8	
7			6		3			1

Yesterday's Sudoku

9	6	8	3	1	4	5	2	7
2	1	5	7	6	8	3	4	9
3	7	4	2	5	9	1	8	6
5	9	6	4	8	7	2	3	1
1	4	7	5	2	3	6	9	8
8	2	3	6	9	1	7	5	4
4	8	2	1	3	6	9	7	5
7	3	1	9	4	5	8	6	2
6	5	9	8	7	2	4	1	3

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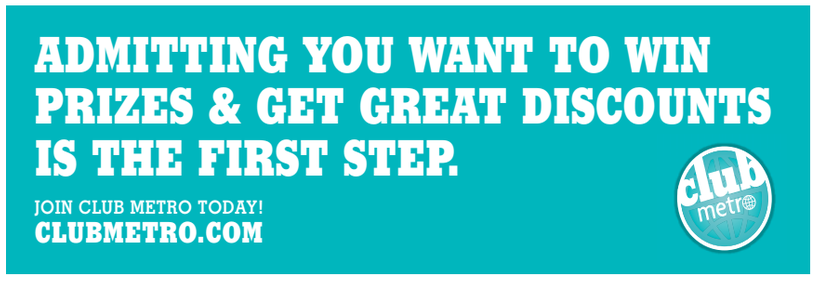

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